

THE SWORD OF THE LORD

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"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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Imperative Soul Winning

BY A. M. HILLS, D.D.

(This message was written several years ago when some things were different, but soul winning is still the greatest need in the world. — Editor.)

"For he was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith; and much people was added unto the Lord" (Acts 11:24).

Recently our heart was stirred within us by an article in the Literary Digest telling of 11,394 churches without a convert, thirty-two per cent of all the churches reporting in three denominations.

We were stirred again by an article in the *Sunday School Times* on "Evangelism Imperative." It dove-tails into the other so exactly that we do not hesitate to use it and comment on it. The writer was Mark A. Matthews, D.D., of Seattle. He has had signal success in the world as a pastor and soul-winner. He has built up a Presbyterian church of over seven thousand members, one of the largest in the world. When he writes about soul winning he writes from personal experience. He knows what he is talking about and we all do well to sit up and listen to what he has to say. He tells us:

1. "When Jesus Christ said, 'Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel,' He specifically instructed them to evangelize the whole world. There is but one department in the work of the church and that is evangelism. All other departments are by-products and are subordinate. The church's first business, her constant business, her indispensable business is the evangelization of the world. As souls are saved, they should be indoctrinated, organized, supervised, directed, and made to become self-supporting, personal evangelists, in order that the work may be perpetuated.

2. "For the first hundred years the church was very evangelistic. For the succeeding four hundred years she became increasingly sub-

ject to worldly ambition for organization. From the sixth to the eleventh centuries came darkness because the church had lapsed in her conception of her evangelistic duty. From the eleventh to the fifteenth centuries practically no evangelistic work was done in the world. Then came the rustling of leaves, the pricking of consciences, and the realization of the church's diabolical condition. Out of that came the Reformation and the revival of the only doctrine that ever evangelized any section of the world, namely, the doctrine of justification by faith. From that period to the eighteenth century there were a few efforts made that stirred the hearts of men and brought to devout souls the real commission that Christ gave to the church to evangelize the world.

"In different parts of the world great leaders were raised up to preach with fervor and power, and there came as a result of their work the idea of periodical revivals, (CONTINUED ON PAGE TWO)

Crossing the Deadline

BY A. SIMS

"He that being often reproved hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy."—Prov. 29:1.

There is a line by us unseen,
That crosses every path;
The hidden boundary between
God's patience and His wrath.

To pass that limit is to die;
To die as if by stealth;
It does not quench the beaming eye,
Or pale the glow of health.

There is a common idea abroad that a sinner can find salvation at any time, so long as he lives. Hence the poet says: "While the lamp holds out to burn, the vilest sinner may return." But this is not necessarily true. It is a fact beyond all dispute that by repeated acts of resisting the Holy Spirit, He can be driven away from the soul forever. The sinner thus deserted (CONTINUED ON PAGE THREE)

Some Seventh Day Adventists' Mistakes Corrected

February 18, 1941

Mr. L. L.—
Harper, Kansas
Dear Brother L—:

I was glad to have your letter dated February 8th and have read it very carefully. I am very familiar with Seventh Day Adventist literature. I have read all the things you have been reading. I am sorry that you have not gotten it clear in your mind, however, that people are saved by grace, through faith; "and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works lest any man should boast" (Eph. 2:8, 9).

A human, carnal pride has led Seventh Day Adventists far from the truth. For instance, probably you did not know that they teach that Mrs. White's writings are inspired like the Bible, a part of divine inspiration. Thus they bring upon themselves the curse the Lord pronounced in Revelation 22:18, by adding to the Word of God.

No, the woman in Revelation the 12th chapter is not the true church. The woman in Revelation, chapter 12, is certainly Israel as seen by the context. The true church did not bring forth Christ and Israel did, according to the flesh. The true church is not connected with the number twelve in the Bible and Israel is. It is not the true church that will be persecuted during the tribulation time pictured in Revelation, but it is Israel. And those that the Scripture says will be keeping the commandments in the tribulation time are a remnant of Jews.

It is true that there have been four world empires, and that the Roman empire is to be restored under a dictator. He will not be a Pope, but will be a literal, civil dictator like the emperors of Rome were before. Roman Catholicism is pictured in Revelation, chapter 17, I think, by the woman riding on

the scarlet beast, certainly not by the beast itself. In that, Seventh Day Adventists have misled you.

Seventh Day Adventists are also wrong on the Sabbath question. They do not keep the sabbath, for to keep the sabbath one must stay at home and not go out of his place as you see in the 16th chapter of Exodus, verse 29, one must not even have a fire in his house (Exo. 35:3). Public worship is not sabbath keeping. Not a single place in the Bible was anybody commanded to go to church on the sabbath day. When Jesus and Paul and others went to church they were not observing the sabbath. Going to the synagogue was a custom that grew up among the Jews but is not commanded in the Bible and never mentioned as a command of God for the sabbath.

The sabbath was first made known at mount Sinai to Israel (Neh. 9:13, 14). It was never made known to anybody before that time because it was not part of the moral law like the commands against murder and adultery and stealing, etc. The sabbath was ceremonial law, just like the laws about diet, that Jews should not eat pork nor any fish without both scales and fins, etc. The Bible expressly says that the sabbath was a special covenant between God and Israel (Exo. 31:12-16).

But most clear of all is this: not once in the New Testament time was any Christian ever commanded to keep the sabbath. Not a single time! Nor is anybody ever commended for keeping the sabbath. Not once. Nor is sabbath-breaking ever mentioned as a sin in the New Testament. Not once! In fact we are plainly told that Jesus Himself broke the sabbath. John 5:18 says, "Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath, but said also that God (CONTINUED ON PAGE FOUR)

Happy Days at Philadelphia

By the Editor

It is 10 p.m. Saturday night, March 29th. I have spoken three times today and will speak three times tomorrow, but am too full to go to bed, and want to share with readers some of my blessing.

I have just come from the annual Morning Cheer banquet, attended by a few of the friends of the Morning Cheer Broadcast conducted twice daily on week days by Pastor George A. Palmer. One thousand, two hundred and ninety were fed, by count, the manager of the big restaurant of Strawbridge and Clothiers Department Store, where the banquet was held. And all the tickets for available space have been sold for nearly a week, and hundreds could not get tickets — no room!

It was my privilege to bring the three and a half hours of happy fellowship to a close with a gospel message. What a crowd 1,290 people make when spread out at tables! But with loudspeaker all could hear, and how they did sing! After the banquet one young woman was saved who came to talk with me.

A young man said, "I've been slipping; please pray for me." We prayed, and he promised to begin (CONTINUED ON PAGE FOUR)

I Understand

(PSALM 50:15)

BY SUSANNE C. UMLAUF
Glenside, Pa.

Hast thou been hungry, child of Mine?
I, too, have needed bread;
For forty days I tasted naught
Till by the angels fed.
Hast thou been thirsty? On the cross
I suffered thirst for thee;
I've promised to supply thy need,
My child, come unto Me.

Perhaps thy way is weary oft,
Thy feet grow tired and lame;
I wearied when I reached the well,
I suffered just the same;
And when I bore the heavy cross
I fainted 'neath the load;
And so I've promised rest to all
Who walk the weary road.

Doth Satan sometimes buffet thee,
And tempt thy soul to sin?
Do faith and hope and love grow weak?
Are doubts and fears within?
But I was tempted thrice and more
By this same foe of thine;
But he could not resist the Word,
Nor conquer pow'r divine.

When thou art sad and tears fall fast,
My heart goes out to thee,
For I wept o'er Jerusalem —
The place so dear to me:
And when I came to Lazarus' tomb
I wept — my heart was sore;
I'll comfort thee when thou dost weep
Till sorrows all are o'er.

Do hearts prove false when thine is true?
I know the bitter dart;
I was betrayed by one I loved —
I died of broken heart;
I loved My own, they loved Me not,
My heart was lonely, too;
I'll never leave thee, child of Mine,
My loving heart is true.

Art thou discouraged in thy work?
Doth ministry seem vain?
I ministered midst unbelief,
Midst those with greed of gain;
They would not hearken to my voice,
But scoffed with one accord;
Your labor never is in vain
If done unto the Lord.

Have courage, then, My faithful one,
I suffered all the way,
Thy sensitive and loving heart
I understand today;
Whate'er thy grief, whate'er thy care,
Just bring it unto Me;
Yea, in thy day of trouble, call,
I will deliver thee.

"That's What the Movies Do"

So Says Philadelphia Judge Over Young Criminals In His Court

In the *Evening Bulletin* for Tuesday, March 18, of Philadelphia, is a three-column picture of five young men 16 to 20 years old, caught after a series of hold-ups. Over the picture are these words: "END OF A TRAIL OF CRIME." Under the picture is the news story article, showing that the movies made these boys criminals. Do you say, "I see no harm in the movies?" Then read this and see what harm there is. The article follows:

"CITY'S 'DEAD END' GANG SMASHED

5 Boys Tried To Emulate Movie Kids; Admit Many Holdups

"The careers of five boys who tried to duplicate in real life the motion picture exploits of the 'Dead End Kids,' have ended as such careers usually end.

"Three of the five self-styled 'Dead Enders' were held without bail today by Magistrate Henry for a further hearing Saturday, and two were sent to the Juvenile Division of the Municipal Court.

"Detectives said the three held today admitted holding up 15 gasoline stations and stealing six automobiles. But none of the bravado of their movie heroes was with them today when Magistrate Henry told them:

"That's what the movies do —

to some. This is the penalty for easy money."

"Those held without bail: Robert (Baby Face) Strausser, 20, of 30th St. near Arizona; Robert (Garland) Stonemetz, Wiota St. near Fairmount Ave., and Paul (Spike) Croumbley, 18, Sergeant St. near 26th. Sent to Juvenile Court: Carl (Stuffy) Kallinen, 16, Wiota St. near Fairmount Ave., and John (Junior) Croumbley, 17, Lancaster Ave. near 40th St.

"The prisoners said they adopted the nicknames of the movie boys just to get into the spirit of the thing. Each added that as a further tribute to Hollywood he pasted over his bed a picture of the boy he tried to imitate.

"Strausser, Stonemetz and Paul Croumbley were charged with hold-up, robbery, violation of the Firearms Act. The other two, characterized as apprentices of the gang, were held as accessories.

"Three weeks ago John Croumbley tried to qualify as a full-time member, the detectives said. He took a pistol, held up a gasoline station at Girard Ave. and 48th St., and got caught. Last Tuesday he was put on probation in the Municipal Court.

"Two more holdups occurred before David Hemphill and Vincent Melvin, detectives, got wind of Stonemetz's activities.

Imperative Soul Winning

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and evangelistic campaigns. But the idea of an evangelistic effort being a periodical effort was an absurd position! God never intended the work of evangelism to lapse for a minute.

"The need of evangelism is greater than ever before in the history of the world. We are not fighting the lower and baser passions only. We are not trying to redeem men from the slums only. We are not dealing with the coarse and mean and vulgar and revolting forms of sin only. We are engaged in a battle of strategies. We are fighting the strategies of the devil. He is the greatest strategist in the universe. He is not asking men to become drunkards and liars and thieves; he is asking them to become atheists, spiritualists, theosophists, Christian Scientists, Unitarians. He is dwelling in the realm of psychology. He lives in the religious atmosphere. He is trying to anesthetize the consciences of men. He is making a direct stroke against the deity of Christ. He is urging men to teach that Christ is only one of the great founders of religions. He is bringing Hinduism, Buddhism and Confucianism to the front. He is trying to revive a false, monotheism. He is a great pantheist. He is an advocate of the beautiful. He is making his great central attack through modern psychology, and he is using every psychological strategy known to his power. He has captured one of the intellectual and educational departments of the church and is boldly teaching rationalism and when he gets an opportunity he teaches bolshevism, socialism, and finally anarchy. Therefore the necessity for real evangelism is greater than ever before.

3. "Jesus Christ demanded that Christianity become universal. He does not recognize or permit the false religions above mentioned. The necessity for the first century evangelism, the house to house evangelism, the evangelism that is imbued with the Spirit of God, controlled by the Holy Ghost, magnified by Christ and vested with the powers of the Godhead, is greater today than ever before in the history of the world. Spectacular, noisy evangelism will not defeat the strategies of the devil.

The Holy Spirit Program

"When Jesus Christ sent His disciples out by twos, to do His work, He gave the most scientific method as well as the most devout, spiritual method of doing evangelism that has ever been tried. Two are more than twice one in any contest.

"In the first century the Holy Spirit directed them to go from house to house, conferring, praying together, catechizing the members of the family, parents, children, servants, and literally evangelizing the people of those households. He extended Christ's plan and made it the permanent plan of the church. He commands the individual Christian to hand-pick lost souls. There is but one kind of evangelism: the saint to the sinner. It is mathematically correct, it is scientifically correct, it is ordained of almighty God, and it is the program of the Holy Spirit.

The Church

"If the church were doing her evangelistic duty and if every member of the church were finding his man, praying with him, talking to him, explaining the Scripture to him, and leading him to Christ, America could be evangelized in thirty days. The trouble is that the individual Christian is absolutely ignorant of his evangelistic duty, or he is so lazy that he will not perform it. To name but one denomination, if the elders of the Presbyterian

Reverend Earnest I. Reveal

Director, Evansville Rescue Mission, Evansville, Indiana

Here is a likeness of the editor's dear friend, Rev. Earnest I. Reveal, who has directed the great work of the Evansville Rescue Mission for twenty-four years. What a joy to pray with him at "Bethel," the place of prayer outside Evansville, hallowed by precious memories, where Dr. James M. Gray, "Billy" Sunday, Homer Rodeheaver, Dr. Biederwolf, Homer Hammontree and many other greatly used men of God have prayed! Now a lovely chapel has been erected there, beside the old grain drill around which Brother Reveal and others have prayed in the past.

"When spring and warm weather comes, I will get out here to spend a half day before the Lord, each day for a few days, and then before long we will have the money and everything worked out for our eight weeks camp," said Brother Reveal.

I am glad I am invited back for a third campaign, and hope the dear Lord will lead me to go. So many places the pastor or people will seek to hinder the preacher, will want him to go easier on sin. So many places the pastor will be nervous about a long invitation, fearing people will not come back. But one night, after a few had been saved, and the going was hard, I was getting discouraged and about to close, when Brother Reveal said to me: "Hold on a little longer, Brother Rice! Don't you see that

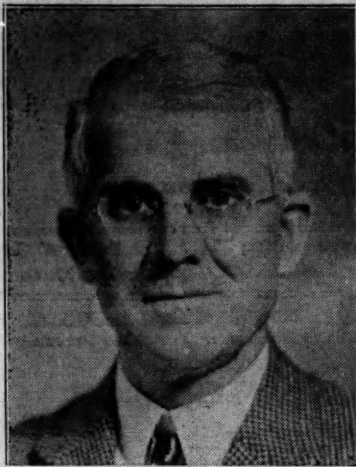
church would hand-pick one man each week and lead him to Christ, they could lead 180,000 people to Christ each month; or they could bring to Christ and into the church 2,100,000 souls every year. But the average elder is so lazy that he will not even attend prayer-meeting. He imagines that he occupies a seat of authority when he is not fit to occupy any such position; in fact, if he were a real Presbyterian he would know that his only duty on the session is the duty of leading men to Christ. There is no position in the Presbyterian church for an elder unless he is imbued with the spirit of evangelism. We do not need governors; we haven't anything to govern. We need personal workers, not egotistical peacocks. There is but one plan of evangelism, namely: the Holy Ghost plan, and His plan is personal evangelism.

Ministers

"A great deal of what has been said applies to ministers. If they were to do personal work and make an appeal at the end of each evangelistic sermon, more people would be saved and be brought to Christ and into the church. The average preacher is an evangelistic dead-head. He has lost his position as an evangelist because ignorant of his duty. He doesn't know how to preach an evangelistic sermon. He is talking books and poetry and moving pictures and every other form of trash that can be conceived. He has been destroyed by one of the devil's strategies. The preachers have put evangelism out of the conscience of the church, because they seem to be incompetent or they have lost the fire, the spirit, the fervor necessary, or they are too lazy to carry on the campaign.

"The average preacher spends too much time at home washing the dishes when he ought to be washing the feet of the sinner, or he spends too much time at golf and the world's attractions. The average preacher is guilty of busy idleness. No wonder the record of the church shows that he hasn't received people on profession of faith! He has neglected his duty as an evangelist. If he is not an evangelist he has no place in the pulpit. The Holy Ghost plan is to preach the gospel, draw the net; yet there are preachers all over the country who receive members on communion days only. The devil never created a more diabolical scheme to destroy the evangelistic spirit than that scheme. There is but one God-decreed kind of evangelism, namely: personal evangelism, in season, and out of season, without recess, never permitting a lapse, always at the business of finding a lost soul and bringing him to Christ.

"If the church, if the individual Christian, if the church officer—pastor, elder, deacon, deaconess,



man over there under conviction? I believe he is going to come. Hold on a little longer!"

So, bless God, when I think of Brother Reveal, holding on for God twenty-four years in that city, winning thousands of souls, praying down thousands of dollars for God, I will say to myself, "Hold on a little longer! Someone else is about to come!"

Mrs. Rice and Joy, my three-year-old baby, will thank God for Brother Reveal and Mrs. Reveal every time we think of their happy fellowship and faithful soul winning service.

Sunday school teacher, and worker in any and every department—can be made to see that his supreme business in life is finding a lost soul and leading him to Christ, then evangelism will return to the glorious position it occupied in the first century, and God will add to the Church daily those he is saving. It is hand-picked work, it is personal effort, it is a passion for souls under the leadership of the Holy Ghost that is going to set the church on fire with evangelistic zeal. When the church becomes absolutely loyal to Jesus Christ as Lord and Master and Saviour; when she becomes absolutely loyal to Jesus Christ, the eternal and only Son of God, and believes in His blood to save, and believes that there is no salvation without the shedding of the blood of the Son of God, then she will have a passion for souls. When she becomes absolutely loyal to the Holy Ghost as a third person of the trinity, the executive of the trinity, the leader of the church, and obeys His orders, then personal evangelism will be revived and will come into its real place in the church.

"When the church becomes absolutely loyal to the Word of God, the only rule of faith and practice, and begins to study it and teach it as such, then she will be able to indoctrinate her members and make real evangelists out of her preachers and workers. When the church becomes a praying church and is on her knees every day praying God to manifest His power in the regeneration of sinners, then you are going to see men crowding into the churches asking what to do to be saved.

"The church is not praying today. She does not know how to pray. The average morning prayer of the average preacher is a recitation to God and might be delivered at any school commencement. It is a farce when you think of real prayer. When the church begins to mourn because of sin, and groan because of the burden resting on her heart, and cries out in her agony to God to have mercy upon her because her children are under the power of demons, then she will begin to pray—and not until then. Remember, revivals are not pumped up, they are prayed down. You can't have a revival unless you have a praying church. Call the church to prayer. Let her demand prayer in every home, the erection of the family altar, the gathering of her members in prayer groups every week, and the opening of every church building every day in every week, for prayer and meditation, and then the revival will be here."

I make no apology for making these lengthy quotations from this noble address. It is a fresh view of revivals, and our churches sorely need it.

Some years ago one of the most

The Greatest Blessing That Can Come to a Man

BY D. L. MOODY

I was twenty years old before I heard a sermon on *Regeneration*, or the New Birth. I was always told to be good, but you might as well tell a black man to be white. You might tell a slave to be free, but that would not make him free. Christ not only tells us to be free, but *He frees us*. In the third chapter of Genesis we read how man lost life. In the third chapter of John we find how to get it back again.

Photographs

We are a bad lot, the whole of us, by nature. It is astonishing how the devil blinds us, and makes us think we are naturally good. Suppose that our sins could all be stamped on our foreheads, do you not think there would be a stampede? Suppose a photographer could take a photograph of the heart, do you think he could find anyone willing to have such a photograph taken? Ladies arrange their hair and put on their best clothes, and men dress up and have their pictures taken; and if the photographer flatters them and makes them look ten years younger, they say, "You are the first man to do me justice," and they order a number of photographs and send them to their friends. But is that your *real self*? Suppose he took a photograph of your heart, would you send those around? You would break the plate and abuse the artist. Don't talk to me about people being naturally good and

successful and soul-winning pastors of Methodism wrote a book on revivals. He said, "What is needed is evangelists in boots going from house to house, proclaiming a life-giving gospel to dead souls." He further said, "If my eternal salvation was conditioned on my winning another thousand souls, I would attempt to do it by personal work with individuals."

In my pastorate in Allegheny City, Pa., I had one blessed deacon worth his weight in gold. He watched for a chance to speak to at least one person each day about his soul. While I preached he watched the audience every Sunday night and picked out someone to talk with after service about his salvation. On the street cars, in his place of business, on the streets, everywhere, he was on the look-out for souls, and many, many did he win for his Master. He will shine in glory.

This is the way the Saviour worked. Have you never noticed that much of His best achievement was brought about by personal endeavor? The apostles seem to have been all won individually. Some of His greatest sermons were preached to an audience of one. How very much our Bibles would lose if the sermon to Nicodemus and the address to the lost woman at Jacob's well, and all the private conversations with the blind and lepers and fallen and demon-possessed, were left out! Follow through the Acts of the Apostles and note how great things were done by individual effort and personal endeavor. It will grow upon you that this is God's plan and what He wants of all Christians, and that this is the secret of large and widespread Christian usefulness.

Dr. Theodore Cuyler saw three thousand people join his Presbyterian church in Brooklyn, New York, and he said, "I have handled every stone." What a testimony to the value of personal work! I met a Christian brother in England, a wool broker, who was a very prince in the kingdom of God. I spent some ten days in his home and company doing Christian work, and his zeal and skill put me to shame. He was a modest, diffident man and I never heard that he ever made a public address in his life; but the private note books he had kept for eight years showed that he had won about five thousand souls for God. I begged him to write a book telling others how he did it. But his modesty kept him back, and one morning I received a telegram that the night before he had been suddenly translated. How he will shine as the stars forever!

angelic. We are naturally bad, the whole of us (Rom. 3:9-19). The first man born of a woman was a murderer. Sin leaped into the world full-grown, and the whole race has been bad all the way down. Man is naturally bad.

A Bad Start

Man has lost the image of God. Just take one description that Christ gives of the human heart: "Out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies: these are the things which defile a man" (Matt. 15:19). Now, I want to ask you, How in the world can you get a pure stream when you have such an impure fountain? The trouble with people is that they are trying to make that stream good while the fountain is bad. It isn't patching up the old man that is needed, but it is cutting off the tree and putting a new graft in. It is an entire change—a new creation.

Painting the Pump

I have heard of reform, reform, until I am tired and sick of the whole thing. It is regeneration—a new life and a new nature—by the power of the Holy Ghost, that we need. It is not that men have just come a little short of the glory of God, and if they apply a little whitewash they will be all right. You may whitewash a pest-house, but it will be a pest-house still. A man was told the water in his well was bad. "Well," said he, "I'll see to it," and he painted the pump. There are a lot of people trying to make the well all right by painting the pump. What you want is to go to the source. Make the fountain good and the stream will be good. Let the heart be right, and the life will be right, the hand be right and the foot will be right. The seat of trouble is the heart; what man needs is a new birth, a new creation (John 3:3-7).

Good resolutions are not new birth. Turning over a new leaf, making promises, or making vows—that isn't new birth at all.

Perhaps some of you ask,

"What Is It?"

Well, listen: Christ "came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name; which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God" (John 1:11-13). When I was born of my mother I got a life from her; but in Boston, seventeen years afterwards, I was "born from above." I got life from God then—a new life, distinct from the natural life. How did I get it? By receiving the Word of God into my heart. Christ says: "The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life" (John 6:63). You take the Word of God into your heart, and there is the germ, there is the life. If I should take my watch and plant it, I wouldn't get any little watches, would I? Why? Because the germ of life isn't there. If I should plant a bushel of gravel, I wouldn't get any more gravel, would I? But let me get seed-corn, and put it into the ground in the month of May, and let the dews of heaven come upon the land, and the rain and the sun, and out of this seed-corn will come new life and fruit.

Cultivating

Culture is all right in its place, but to talk about culture before a man is born of God, before he has received this incorruptible seed into his heart, is madness. Suppose I commence the first day of May and plough an acre of ground, crosswise, then lengthwise, every day in the week, all through May and June and July. Once in a while I put in a cultivator, and cultivate and harrow it too, and roll it. I have been harrowing, rolling and cultivating for months, and you come along and say, "Moody, what are you doing?" "Doing! I am cultivating this acre of land." "Well, I should say so! I was around here last May, and you were ploughing that acre of land. Been at it ever since?" "Yes." "What are you going to put in?" "Well, I am not going to put anything in it, but I believe in a high state of

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has no good desires — no conviction. Hardened, careless, God-forsaken, doomed to eternal woe — the day of grace for him has gone forever. That this awful state can be reached even in this life, is evident from the following Scriptures: "Seek ye the Lord while He may be found, call ye upon Him while He is near;" "Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand and no man regarded; . . . I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh . . . Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me" (Prov. 1:24-28); "Quench not the Spirit!" "Ephraim is joined to his idols, let him alone." "They rebelled and vexed the Holy Spirit, therefore he was turned to be their enemy and fought against them." Facts of experience prove the reality of this awful truth. Multitudes while living have passed the limit between "God's patience and His wrath." One who has thus grieved away the Holy Spirit and who had become hardened in sin was asked, "If you have no feeling, would you not wish to feel?" He replied: "I neither feel, nor do I wish to feel."

During the ministry of the Rev. John Wesley Childs, the following awful incident, as related in the "Earnest Christian," took place:

Mr. Childs had preached on Sabbath morning with unusual power and effectiveness. The whole congregation was deeply impressed; and in every direction sinners, cut to the heart by the power of God, were weeping and praying for mercy. Seriousness was depicted on every countenance.

Mr. Childs walked out into the congregation, and conversed with such as attracted his attention, upon the subject of religion. Passing about from one to another, he came to a gentleman, well known in the country, who appeared rather indifferent, and he kindly spoke to him about his soul. The man was an avowed infidel, and was engaged in a traffic well adapted to blunt and destroy all the finer sensibilities of the human heart. He was wealthy and proud; he disdained religion. When Mr. Child spoke to him upon the subject, he treated the matter with the utmost levity and contempt.

He was tenderly besought to think more seriously about a matter in which he really had so deep an interest. But he grew angry and cast every indignity that he could upon the gentle and holy man that sought to lead him to Christ. Mr. Childs proposed prayer, and as the man of God pleaded for him, the man began to curse him; and with all conceivable oaths and blasphemies, he continued to vent his feelings of malignity and contempt, until Mr. Childs closed his prayer; he then turned away in a rage, and in a short time left the camp-ground and returned to his home, which he reached about the going down of the sun. He sat for a long time on the long piazza in front of the house, and conversed sparingly with his family. As the twilight deepened and night let drop her curtain, he commenced

walking up and down his piazza. Presently his tea was announced, but he refused to join his family at the table, saying he felt a little indisposed and did not feel like eating anything. He continued to pace his piazza until it was time for the family to retire for the night.

His wife requested him to go to his chamber. "No," said he, "not now. Leave me alone for the present." She urged him to go in from the night air; that he was further endangering himself by his exposure. "Let me alone," said he as she insisted upon him leaving the piazza. "When I go in that door," said he solemnly, "I shall come out no more, until I am carried out to my grave." At first his wife was startled, but she recovered herself and remonstrated with him for using such gloomy feelings. Said he, "I cursed the preacher today. I did wrong. He is a good man, I doubt not, and I should not have treated him the way I did; and now I am going to die, and I shall go to hell. I ought not to have cursed that man." She continued to expostulate with him; told him that he was depressed and low spirited, and did what she could to relieve his mind, but all to no avail. At a late hour he went to his bed; but alas to rise no more. In the morning he was found quite ill. Medical aid was called in, and everything was done for him that could be to give him relief. But he told them that it was all in vain, that he should die and go to hell, that his case was hopeless for this world and the world to come. He grew worse; and it admits of a doubt whether the dying chamber of any man ever presented a more terrible and heart-appalling scene than did the chamber of this miserable man. He sent for the pious tenants on his farm to come and sit by him and keep the devils out of his room. He said that the multiplied sins of his wicked life were like so many demons tearing his bleeding heart. Some attempted to direct his mind to the Saviour of sinners. "Oh," said he, "I have rejected the last offer; I have cursed the minister who made the tender of salvation to me in the name of Jesus." The scene was too awful to behold. His neighbors fled from his presence, and his words of despair and remorse and unavailing regret haunted them wherever they went.

The scene grew still more frightful. Despair — utter despair — was depicted in his face. His eye seemed to be kindled as with a spark from the pit of hell. His voice unearthly. He called his friends to his bedside for the last time. Said he, "I am dying. When I am gone you will all say that I died frantic and out of my senses. This report will be spread through all the country. Now," said he, "I am perfectly in my senses. I was never more rational. I know what I am now saying, and all that I have said; and I now make this statement, that what I have said may not be lost upon you." He then, with his remaining strength, cried out in the most startling accents: "The devils are around my bed; they wait for me; they mock my dying struggles, and as soon as I am dead they will drag me to the hottest place in hell." These were his last words.

TOWARD THE SUNSET

"At evening time it shall be light." — Zech. 14:7

As our pathway slopes to the setting sun,
And we know that our day will soon be done,
A little less zeal we have for strife,
A little more love for a quiet life;
A little less business for hurrying feet,
A little less worry and dust and heat.
A little more place for God each day;
A little less hatred, envy and fear,
A little more love, forbearance and cheer;
A little less care about praise or blame;
A little more pride in a spotless name;
A little less sensitiveness to slights,
A little more thought for others' rights;
A little less judgment on others' deeds,
A little more sense of our brothers' needs;
A little less dread of grief and pain,
A little more joy in the spirit's gain;
A little less longing for days long past,
A little more looking for things that last;
A little less yearning for earth's cheap toys,
A little more thought on eternal joys;
And thus the years, by love and truth,
shall lead us on to fadeless youth.

How "The Sword" Blesses These Readers

"I thank God for men like you who are able to bring such blessings to a sin-sick world. I know your little paper has been a blessing to many, many people just as it has been to my husband and me."

"Just after I was converted, and before my husband was, you wrote an article about Sunday and seventh-day, Sabbath. That was our special blessing. My husband was brought up in the Seventh Day Adventist church and still thought that he couldn't be a Christian unless he joined that church, and he thought he would have to quit his job if he was converted. But when we read your article and also your little booklet on the same subject, it straightened him out and we studied your references in the Bible thoroughly and how it did help! It wasn't long after that he was converted, and now we are so happy in the Lord."

"Now we want to help others by subscribing for several of our friends, also I want to pass the book, 'Heaven,' around . . ."

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almost out.

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Mrs. B. N—
Brashear, Texas.

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"I am glad you share with us the events of your meetings, and we rejoice as we hear of many who are being saved. Praise the Lord. I still don't know who was so kind as to send me this wonderful paper, but I've thanked and praised the Lord many times for that one."

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L. G—
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Young Minister Quits Smoking Through Editor's Booklet On Tobacco

The following letter is a cause of rejoicing:

"Dear Mr. Rice:
"A few days ago a friend of mine gave me a little booklet. The title was 'Tobacco,' one you publish. I read the book, and after reading only a few pages the Holy Spirit convicted me of the sin of smoking."

"I am a young minister of the Gospel, and after realizing the great truths of God's Word made so plain in this little book, I have definitely decided to never smoke again, and by the grace of God, and the power of the Holy Spirit, and accepting First Corinthians 10:13, I have quit tobacco."

"Hope you will remember me in your prayers, and that I may lead many lost souls to our Saviour."

"I know the Lord has a great reward for you in the publishing of these little booklets that are so easy to understand."

"I enclose 10c stamps for which send me two of these little books."
"Yours truly,
"C. W. A—"

Send for price list of Dr. Rice's books and booklets.

The Greatest Blessing That Can Come To A Man

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culture." You would say I was a first-class lunatic! But that is what is going on all the while in spiritual things. Put the seed in, and then pray God that the dew of heaven may rest upon it, and you have some results. There is no sower that goes forth and sows that kind of seed but there are results.

One Night In Boston

To become a partaker of the divine nature (II Pet. 1:4) is the greatest blessing that can come to any man. God has been very, very good to me. I can't begin to tell you the goodness of God. But there is one blessing that just towers high above them all. You go to Washington, and you will see there a monument high above everything else — George Washington's monument. One blessing came to me that night in Boston. It was in a shore store. I never go to Boston but that I go and take a look at that place where God met me and imparted to me a new nature. Old things passed away that night; a new life dawned upon me, and that is the greatest blessing that can ever come to me this side of heaven (II Cor. 5:17, 18). I got a new nature from God — distinct and separate from the old nature. All the infidels that have come to me these forty years, and tried to take it from me, might as well try to move Gibraltar. Don't I know there came a marvelous change in my life that night? I would as soon doubt my existence.

Make Sure — Now

If you are not sure that you have become a partaker of the divine nature, don't eat, drink or sleep until you are. And when you get that new nature it is easy to serve God: His yoke is easy, His burden is light (Matt. 11:30). O man, woman, you may be deceived about ten thousand things, but do not be deceived on this one thing. Make sure that you have been born from above, born of God — a life distinct and separate from the natural life — a new life, a new creation.

Read the third chapter of John's Gospel quite through: do not dwell alone upon its earlier sentences. The third verse runs thus:

"Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

Have You Got Life?

Then the 14th, 15th, and 16th verses clearly reveal how this new life from God is given:

"And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

What a wonderful, what a delightful message to dying men!

Receive the Gift

This is an awfully solemn question. Put it now to yourselves: "Have I been born again? Have I received the gift of God, which is eternal life?" Father, mother, perhaps you have not a hope in Jesus Christ. That little child that left you a few months ago lived long enough to twine itself around your heart; then death came and took that little child into a brighter and better world; you will never see that child again except you are born of God. O man, woman, be wise, be wise now; make sure you get into the kingdom of God!

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7th Day Adventists' Mistakes Corrected

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was his Father, making himself equal with God." Jesus broke the sabbath and claimed to be equal with God.

And then even more positive is the plain command of Colossians 2:14-17 that tells us that the ceremonial laws were nailed to the cross and that Christians are not to observe them and particularly mentions the sabbaths, saying, "Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days: which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ" (Col. 2:16, 17). Christians sin, then, in claiming to keep the Old Testament sabbaths which are plainly forbidden for us.

Many preachers make a mistake by calling Sunday a sabbath and Sunday school a sabbath school. Sunday is not the sabbath. Sunday is the Lord's day, an entirely different day, given for a different purpose and with a different meaning.

We are not under law but under grace.

It is clear that the sabbath was ceremonial law, not moral law. Colossians 2:17 expressly says that it was only a shadow, that is, a type, or ceremonial, picturing a great spiritual truth about Christ.

But the moral law is written in the hearts of men. For instance, Cain killed his brother Abel and was a murderer just the same, and knew he had sinned, though the Ten Commandments were not written. Even a heathen Negro in Africa who murders somebody knows he has done wrong. But there is no way that a heathen Negro in Africa who never saw a Bible, never heard a sermon, and does not know anything about Christ — there is no way such a heathen would know to be circumcised, or that it was all right to eat a trout but a sin to eat a catfish. There is no way such a heathen savage would know not to plow with an ox and an ass together, which is forbidden in the Bible ceremonial law. There is no way for a heathen who never knew about the Bible or God to know that a certain day is the sabbath day and ought to be kept without work. Without any calendar, and without teaching of the Jewish law, no heathen ever did keep the sabbath nor felt any need to do so.

The reason is that ceremonial laws were not written on the heart of men like moral laws. Everybody instinctively feels that murder and adultery and lying and stealing are wicked. They are moral laws written in the heart. The conscience accuses or excuses people according as they keep the moral law, but that is not true about ceremonial law. That makes it clear, I think, the difference between ceremonial law and moral law. Certainly the sabbath is ceremonial law. That is exactly what Colossians 2:14-17 says.

Don't let Seventh Day Adventists deceive you, saying that the Ten Commandments are God's law and the rest of the law of the first five books in the Bible are Moses' law. The Bible makes no such distinction. Hebrews 10:28 calls the Ten Commandments "Moses' law." That verse speaks only of offences against the Ten Commandments, wicked enough to demand the death penalty. In no case under the law was any Jew ever put to death for an offense not covered by the Ten Commandments. The Ten Commandments, then, are the law mentioned there and called "Moses' law," "He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses."

So the Ten Commandments were

Happy Days At Philadelphia

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a daily time of prayer and Bible reading, and to get in with Christians.

A gray-haired grandmother came by and said to me as she held my hand: "I want to thank thee for thy talks." (Remember Pennsylvania was founded by Quakers and there are thousands of these fine, upright families of "Friends" here who say "thou" and "thee.") "I waited till mighty late to get it settled for Christ, but it is settled now and thy talks had a lot to do with it. I never had the assurance before, but I have it now! Thank thee for thy talks, my boy." She had been listening daily, morning and night, to my broadcasts with Pastor Palmer.

This morning I was called at the

the law of Moses as well as the law of God.

Likewise, in Nehemiah 8:1 the Pentateuch is called the law of Moses, and in verse 8 of the same book it is called the law of God. The law of Moses and the law of God are the same. All of the first five books of the Bible were given by God to Moses, including the Ten Commandments. To call the Ten Commandments God's law and the rest of the books Moses' law is a deceitful wresting of Scripture which men have done to deceive the people.

There is no reason why one of the Ceremonial laws might not have been put in the Ten Commandments, and so the command about the sabbath was put in the Ten Commandments. But it is still ceremonial law, was commanded for Jews only, and Jesus broke it and the Holy Spirit commands us not to be judged according to the ceremonial law, including the sabbath.

Seventh Day Adventists are among those deceived by seducing spirits, as foretold in First Timothy 4:1-4, "commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth." And God says concerning this, that "every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving" (I Tim. 4:4). Seventh Day Adventists are like those poor deceived Galatian Christians, to whom Paul said:

"But now, after that ye have known God, or rather are known of God, how turn ye again to the weak and beggarly elements, wherunto ye desire again to be in bondage? Ye observe days, and months, and times, and years. I am afraid of you, lest I have bestowed upon you labour in vain" (Gal. 4:9-11).

To observe Jewish sabbath days, going back to live by the law, is a sin.

And Paul plainly said many, many times by divine inspiration, that no man is justified by the works of the law (keeping the commandments), but by faith in Christ alone. To these same Galatian Christians Paul wrote:

"Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified" (Gal. 2:16).

Every one who starts out to keep the law and holds himself bound under the law, is under a curse as it is plainly written in Galatians 3:10.

I beg you in Jesus' name to see that no one can be justified by the law nor partly by the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ alone.

I was glad to have your letter. I will send you three booklets of mine which I hope you will read very prayerfully. They are, "The Second Coming of Christ in Daniel," "What Must I Do To Be Saved?" and "Sunday or Sabbath, Which Should Christians Observe?" Please read them very prayerfully and write me again if you wish help. But if you know too much to learn and will not open your heart humbly to learn the truth of salvation by grace, then it would not do you any good for me to write more.

Thanking you for your letter and praying God to bless you abundantly, I am,

Your brother in Christ.

John R. Rice

Y. M. C. A., where I have had a pleasant room to know if I would come by 1204 Walnut Street on my way to the Hall where the noon services are held. I agreed, and there a Christian man, Mr. Matt-singer, had a friend upon whom he had prevailed to see me. His name was Mr. Brewer, a detective, with Catholic background and a heavy heart. His health was breaking down, he had neither wife nor child, and felt his need for God. In the back room of the electric appliance store we read and prayed. He prayed a very simple prayer and seemed as willing as a child to get it settled, and as open hearted. I am sick and tired of hearing people talk about sinners being so hard hearted. Many are hungry and distressed. After he had trusted Christ, he said, "Now, Father, what do you want me to do" (speaking to me). I told him he must now start to reading the Bible, get in services and claim Christ openly. "Yes," he said, "I want to be one of the flock."

He went with me to the noon service and there claimed Christ as Saviour publicly.

When he turned to me and said, "Father, who do I pay for all this?" how happy I was to tell him that it was all paid on Calvary; that he could not pay God, and did not need to pay me. He had been to church none at all, or very little, but how dear to God's heart he is!

Near Pottsville, I believe, 100 miles away from Philadelphia, a man and wife have been hearing the broadcast. Their children are grown and they were not saved. They were attracted and made hungry by the services and so they got up early, took a train at 7:00 a.m. last Thursday to come down to the all-day services at the Hall at 1109 Walnut, Philadelphia, where noon services are held and broadcast. After I preached they held their hands for prayer and came to talk with me, waiting fifteen minutes or more, I suppose, while I spoke to others. How earnestly they listened as I took the third chapter of John and showed how all need to be born again, and that the way is by trusting in Christ Jesus, who died for sinners. Soon they were ready to tell the Lord Jesus they wanted Him as Saviour and would trust Him and claim Him. They were quietly happy. They got what they came for and went back on the train home!

Pastor Palmer says that many have claimed to be saved through these broadcasts the last two weeks. But that is nothing new, because he has had many, many souls saved through his broadcast during these nine years on the air. Morning after morning, ever since I have been here, he has been reading letters over the air from those who had written thanking God for the broadcast since it led them to Christ.

The marvelous ministry of pastor Palmer and his wide usefulness will be indicated by the following facts:

This is the close of his annual letter week. Last year he had 8,500 letters in letter week. This year he asked for 10,000 letters, and already, with mail for today yet to come in, there are over 11,400 letters in. Over 1,900 came today. Think of nearly 2,000 letters in one day! He will send a copy of my book, *Bible Facts About Heaven*, to each of these who wrote, whether they send money or not. I pray that these 12,000 copies, or more, of this blessed booklet will win many to Christ. I had a special printing of 10,000 copies printed for them, and will have to send more.

The Morning Cheer Broadcast gives \$17,000 a year to missions. Four missionaries spoke tonight at the banquet, two whom they support in Africa, who are home on furlough, two who are starting for South America soon, God willing, supported by this broadcast.

The broadcast led by Pastor Palmer also runs a tent revival campaign all summer near Philadelphia, with good speakers. I am invited to return and hope the dear Lord will so lead, if He tarries.

The Morning Cheer Bookstore does a fine business in Christian books. About a dozen workers are employed by Mr. Palmer in bookstore, office work, music, etc. How faithful God has been to support this work through the years. Surely in all this thickly-populated area

among millions of people few have so many friends and are so greatly used of God as this good man.

Mr. Palmer also has a beautifully printed little monthly magazine, *The Morning Cheer Monthly*, which is full of good things such as Bible teaching and preaching and comfort. The subscription price is \$1.00 a year, and any who want to subscribe and keep up with this remarkable work may write to P. O. Box 3, Philadelphia.

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At Morning Cheer Hall, 1109 Walnut Street, services are held publicly at 12:30 each day except Sunday, and at 10:30 and 2:30 also on Thursday.

The auditorium at 1109 is not large, but remember it is open six days a week at noon, and the way the crowds hold up is remarkable. Thursday, both at noon and at 2:30 not only was the auditorium packed, every seat filled, but the bookstore back of it was literally packed nearly to the door with people standing throughout the services. And these people hear well. Many tears have been shed, and the plain sharp preaching against sin has been received into good and honest hearts hungry for revival.

One woman came today to tell me the result of some of my preaching in her life. I preached on soul winning several times. Then I preached on Psalm 81:10: "I am the Lord thy God which brought thee out of the land of Egypt; open thy mouth wide and I will fill it." So God laid it on her heart to ask big things about a group of near fifty gamblers whose hang-out is near her home. God seemed to tell her that there was nothing too hard, and that she should not fear, but open her mouth wide and He would fill it. So she went to talk to the group of gamblers. When some began to laugh she rebuked them saying, "This is no laughing matter. God sent me and said if I would open my mouth He would fill it, so what I say is from God." With joy unspeakable she told me that four of the near fifty seemed to trust in the Saviour, and she believes they were soundly converted. And she is going back after the others!

I have had many calls for services here. I was guest speaker at the Berachah Church Young Peoples broadcast from 10 to 11 p.m. last Sunday night, and am to speak tomorrow morning at the "Sunday Breakfast" broadcast, between 9 and 10. Then at the Collinsville, Pa., Baptist Church with Pastor Chase at 11:00, then a closing service at the Morning Cheer Hall at 3:00 p.m.

At about 6:00 p.m. I am to take the Red Arrow Pennsylvania train toward Detroit, then on to Lansing, Michigan, where for five days I am the guest of the North Central Michigan Bible Conference Association, Monday through Friday, speaking twice daily.

Then next Sunday, April 6, I begin an eight-day campaign in Grand Rapids. It will be in the Mel Trotter Mission auditorium, sponsored by the mission and the Maranatha Fellowship of Christian business men and pastors, with two services daily. We will close on Easter Sunday with four services. At Sunrise and at 3:00 p.m. our services are to be held in the Civic Auditorium, seating, I am told, 5,000 people. At 11:00 I am to speak at Berean Baptist Church, and in the evening at Mel Trotter Mission auditorium, again. There will also be radio broadcasts during the week.

These services are a great opportunity, and this poor unworthy preacher needs a special anointing from God. Oh, may He fill me with His Spirit that multitudes may be saved! Will you who want to see souls saved pray to that end?

There is a growing hunger in the hearts of people. The war, trouble, the barrenness of modernism, the failure of homes, of schools, of churches, even of human civilization itself, is giving people a sense of need for God. God send a revival all over our land! May God raise up evangelists to fill the many calls! May God make you who read into soul winners where you are! May God make *The Sword of the Lord* a flaming fire for revival, to the glory of His dear name!

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